



SPEAKER'S BIO



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Emily Rife is a Commissioner assigned to the Denver, Colorado Field Office of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). Prior to joining FMCS Ms. Rife worked as a Labor Relations Representative with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) in Los Angeles, California. In that position she represented classified school employees through negotiating collective bargaining agreements, handling grievances through arbitration, and provided trainings on union representation and bargaining. Ms. Rife also trained and coached all new Labor Relations Representatives for the organization.

In addition to her union work Ms. Rife previously worked for the County of Los Angeles, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs as a mediator. While serving in this role Ms. Rife provided dispute resolution services at the California Superior Court Stanley Mosk Court House in downtown Los Angeles in the Small Claims, Unlawful Detainer, Civil Limited, and Civil Harassment court rooms. Besides her court-based mediations, Ms. Rife provided county/community based dispute resolution services to various consumers/business conflicts, employment/labor disputes, contractual matters, landlord/tenant claims, and family disputes. Ms. Rife also helped develop the County of Los Angeles Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) program.

Ms. Rife has a master's degree in Public Administration and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Chapman University in Orange, CA. She currently resides in Denver, Colorado with her two cats Stanley & Stallone.